

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	09/560,269	NOLTE, BARRY M.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	J. Derek Ruttent	2192

**All Participants:**

**Status of Application:** Allowable

(1) J. Derek Ruttent. (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Ryan T. Grace, Reg. No. 52,956. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Date of Interview:** 7 March 2007

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Interview:**

Telephonic  
 Video Conference  
 Personal (Copy given to:  Applicant  Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:  Yes  No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

*112, 101*

Claims discussed:

*1, 12, 16, 27, 31, and 42*

Prior art documents discussed:

*n/a*

**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

See Continuation Sheet

**Part III.**

It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
 It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.



(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Mr. Rutten contacted Mr. Grace concerning a possible examiner's amendment to capture the tail merge scenario as argued on pages 16-17 filed 2/13/07. Mr. Grace agreed to amend claims 1, 12, and 31 to more adequately provide for the tail merge instrumentation. Mr. Grace also agreed to incorporate tail merge limitations from claim 1 into independent claims 16, 27, and 42. Thus, all claims would provide for a tail merge instrumentation. A further amendment to claims 16, 27 and 42 was agreed to in order to avoid potential 101 issues.